

Transportation Appropriations bill passes House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. Today, Congressman Sanford Bishop, a Member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced that the fiscal year (FY) 2008 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, which included \$1,100,000 to fund several projects across the Second Congressional District, passed the full House of Representatives last night by a vote of 268-153. The \$50.7 billion bill is \$2.5 billion above FY 07 and \$2.1 billion above the amount requested by President Bush. Congressman Bishop voted in favor of the bill.

The bill funds at \$450,000 each two road improvement projects in Donalsonville and Columbus. In Donalsonville, drainage problems at the intersection of US 84 and SR 39/91 will be improved to help motorist safety and, in Columbus, SR 982/ Talbotton Road between 7th and Hilton Aves. will be widened to meet traffic needs.

The Appropriations bill also includes \$200,000 for the SOWEGA Council on Aging in Albany for ongoing construction at its senior center. The House and Senate versions of the FY 2008 Transportation/ HUD bill will be considered by a conference committee sometime later this year.